

## currentcare: Frequently Asked Questions

### ABOUT CURRENTCARE /THE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE

#### ▪ *What is currentcare?*

**currentcare** is Rhode Island's health information exchange, a secure electronic network that uses state-of-the-art technology to ensure that authorized health care providers can access their patients' most up-to-date health information in an integrated view through a web-based portal.

#### ▪ *Why should I sign up for currentcare ?*

Many individuals see a number of doctors, fill multiple prescriptions and get lab tests at different locations, making it hard for health care providers to coordinate all aspects of their health care. **currentcare** allows health care providers to see more of this information in one place so you can get the best possible care.

If you are ever in a medical crisis in Rhode Island, emergency room doctors will also be able to quickly access your most up-to-date health information through **currentcare**.

Signing up for **currentcare** is free and completely voluntary.

#### ▪ *Who has access to my information?*

Only authorized medical professionals who have registered for **currentcare** and who are involved in your care can access your health information through **currentcare**. Insurers, employers and all others are excluded from access.

#### ▪ *How is my health information safe?*

Rhode Island state law specifies that your health information in **currentcare** can only be viewed by doctors and health care providers you have authorized. Through **currentcare**, for the first time, you will have the ability to know who has viewed your medical information. In addition, **currentcare**'s advanced computer system keeps your information safe and secure.

▪ ***If I change jobs do I have to sign up again?***

No. You only need to sign up for **currentcare** once. RIQI has many community partners sponsoring **currentcare** sign ups. They include: health care providers, doctors, community health centers and not-for-profit organizations.

▪ ***Can I change my mind and not participate?***

Yes. Signing up for **currentcare** is voluntary. You can choose to stop participating at any time by submitting a “Revocation of Authorization Form” to the Rhode Island Quality Institute.

▪ ***Do I have to be a Rhode Island resident to sign up for currentcare?***

You do not have to be a Rhode Island resident to sign up for **currentcare**, but signing up is most useful to people who get most of their health care in Rhode Island. At this time, **currentcare** is only accessible to registered Rhode Island health care providers.

▪ ***Why should I sign up now?***

By signing up for **currentcare** now, you can begin to build a history of important health information that will be ready and available for your doctors when they start using **currentcare**.

▪ ***Which sign-up option should I choose?***

You are free to choose any of the sign-up choices. To date, most people have picked the first option that allows **all** your treating medical doctors to view your health care information. Another option allows you to name specific providers that you would like to have access. All options would authorize access to your health information through **currentcare** in an emergency or unscheduled event on a temporary basis.

▪ ***What information is in currentcare?***

Today, **currentcare** communicates test results from medical laboratories. Over time, it will include more of your health information, like your medications, X-rays and medical history.

▪ ***How much does it cost to sign up for currentcare?***

There is no cost to participate in **currentcare**. It is funded by state and federal grants as well as contributions from major health care providers and insurers.

▪ ***Where can I get more information about currentcare?***

You can get more information about **currentcare**, including policies and procedures, by visiting [www.currentcareri.com](http://www.currentcareri.com) or by calling 1-888-858-4815.